(a) whether Government had a proposal to upgrade the All India Radio relay station at Keonjhargarh in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) All India Radio station at Keonjhargarh is a full-fledged station with 1 KW MW transmitter and multipurpose studios, having programme generation, playback and receiving facilities. There is no proposal at present to further upgrade the station.

Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes

92. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI O. P. KOHIL:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Ram Ram" has been the standard greetings in several Radio and Doordarshan programmes; if so, the nomenclature of such programmes, and since when this greeting has been in vogue;

(b) whether AIR and Doordarshan have now sought to change this form of greeting, if so, from which date and the reasons for the change;

(c) what other forms of Indian greetings/cultural expressions are proposed to be discarded by AIR and Doordarshan and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Doordarshan has also similarly stopped showing 'Satyamev Jayate";

(e) the steps taken to withdraw the orders;

(f) whether Doordarshan has started sponsoring National Song; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to retract the step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No change in the status quo is contemplated by All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise

Privatisation of Doordarshan and Akashvani

93. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the privatisation of the Doordarshan and the Akashwani;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Installation of VLPT at Paradeep

94. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether machinery for Very Low Power Transmitter has been installed at Paradip Port and put to experimental use for a few days; and

(b) if so, by when the said VLPT is likely to be put to regular use for the benefit of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The Low Power Transmitter at Paradip has been installed and was commissioned on 16.11.1994. The transmitter is giving regular evening transmission.

Conversion of electronic media into Corporation

95. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to convert the electronic media like Doordarshan and Akashvani into a Corporation independent of Government administration;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in that direction; and

(c) by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 contains provision to this effect. This Act will be operationalised after certain changes in the existing provisions thereof are carried out.

"वन्देमातरम" और "जय हिन्द" शब्दों का प्रयोग

96. श्री जगदीशप्रसाद माथुर :

क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि विदेश सेवा प्रभाग के कार्यक्रमों में "वन्देमातरम" और "जय हिन्द" शब्दों के प्रयोग पर 2 अक्तूबर, 1994 से रोक लगा दी गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी०सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । इन शब्दों के साथ घरेलू सेवा के ट्रांसमिशनों को आरंभ करने और उनका समापन करने की प्रक्रिया को आकाशवाणी की विदेश सेवा के लिए कभी नहीं अपनाया गया था ।

विदेशी उपग्रह टेलीविजन का सांस्कृतिक प्रभाव

97. प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी टेलीविजन और विदेशी समाचार एजेंसियों के भारत में उन्मुक्त प्रवेश से पाश्चात्य संस्कृति और विचारधारा पर अधिपत्य स्थापित हो जाने का खतरा है; और

(ख) सरकार इस खतरे को रोकने और उसका मुकाबला करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है;

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जबकि विदेशी समाचा